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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-6 & 8-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kubo et al (US 5828461).

Re claims 1, 8-11, 25, & 30-32, Kubo et al discloses (Figures 9A-10 & 12 and column 22, line 25 - column 25, line 30; particularly column 22, lines 25-33 and column 24, lines 18-33 & 53-56) a print control system in which a print dialog box 113 is displayed with options for displaying and modifying print settings, including an indication of a paper selection, and then confirming and activating (the "SETTING" button) the print job using the print job settings as they are currently set.

After confirming the print job, at least one printing information dialog box (Figures 9A-10, items 90 & 100; column 22, lines 53-67; column 25, lines 15-23) including an indication of a paper selection is displayed. This box displays a modifiable synopsis to direct the processing of the print job.

Re claim 2, the print dialog box includes a printer selection ("AUTOMATIC" or "MANUAL") and a scale size ("RESOLUTION").

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Re claim 3 & 27, the print dialog box includes a "CANCEL" button to cancel the print job.

Re claims 4-6, 13-15, 18-24, 25-27, 34-36, & 39-45, the printing information dialog box has "PRINT" and "CANCEL" buttons to respectively enable and activate (either for a first time or for an additional instance readable on "resubmission") and cancel the print job.

Re claim 12, 16, 19, 33, 37, & 40, the printing information dialog box enables the editable selection of a paper size and color tone, which is readable upon the (not further described) "print selection device".

Re claim 17-24, 28-29, & 38-45, the "resubmission" of a print job by repeating the steps of submitting the original print job again follows the described steps (displaying the print dialog box again, selecting settings in the new print dialog box, confirming the settings by selecting the "OK" button in the print dialog box, displaying the printing information dialog box again, selecting the output file in the printing information dialog box, and activating the print job by selecting the "OK" button in the printing information dialog box).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claim 7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al.

Re claim 7, Kubo et al teaches the display of a list of print settings as described above, but does not teach or suggest the display of the entire recited list of specific print property settings (including all of printer name, printer ports, timeout settings, color management, output printer settings, banner settings, paper selection, document size, print size, paper type, printer tray, print resolution, edge smoothing flags, toner savings flag, graphics configuration, accessories, statistics, and watermark properties).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to select this particular list of print properties for display.

The suggestion/motivation for including these specific print property settings rather than others would have been to enable user control and monitoring of those particular settings while minimizing interface clutter.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to use this specific list of displayed print properties to obtain the invention as specified in claim 7.

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Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 8/10/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues (8/10/06 Remarks: page 12, line 9 - page 13, line 4) that claim 1 (and also the other independent claims 9, 25, & 30) as amended recites that the recited printer information dialog box appears after the print settings are confirmed, and thus is not equivalent to the dialogue box 113 of Kubo.

However, in the outstanding rejection, the recited "print dialog box" is read as corresponding to dialogue box 113 of Kubo. Examiner notes (as pointed out in the above rejection) that the dialogue box 113 of Kubo is configured to display print settings for a print job, modify the print settings, and confirm the print settings for the print job (column 24, lines 18-33 & 53-56).

The recited "printer information dialog box" is read upon one of the dialog boxes displayed subsequent to dialogue box 113 (column 22, lines 53-67; column 25, lines 15-23), not on dialogue box 113 itself.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS**

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ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning the contents of this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 571-272-7430.

Any inquiry relating to the status of this application or proceeding or any inquiry of a general nature concerning application processing should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 571-272-2600 or to the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199 or 703-308-4357.

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The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 8:00-5:30, alternate Fridays off.

The examiner's unit designation has been changed from "Art Unit 2624" to "Technology Division 2625" (as of March 20, 2006).

If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 571-272-7437.

Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 571-273-8300 (as of July 15, 2005).

Hand-carried correspondence may be delivered to the Customer Service Window, located at the Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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